



## April 2009

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### Membership

Thanks to all those members who joined for the **2009** season over the last few weekends. Can we please ask that any member wishing to join that has not already returned their forms to Gary, please contact him on **07850 390900** to arrange payment of membership fees.

### SBDA

**Friday 24th April 8pm & Saturday 25th April 10:30am**

There will be an SBDA course running this weekend of 24th/25th of April. This course is aimed at all members that intend to skipper a boat whilst towing a skier and do not currently have an SBDA certificate. The SBDA course is a requirement of the club and the Crouch Harbour Authority. Please note that if you are unfortunate enough to have an accident whilst not in the possession of a SBDA then it is likely you are not insured by the BWSF.

The course consists of a lecture and multiple choice examinations on the Friday evening followed by a practical test on the Saturday.

The practical examination will be taken in your own boat.

If you would like to attend this course then please contact **Leah** on 01702 201226 or email [leah@wfwsc.co.uk](mailto:leah@wfwsc.co.uk)

### BBQ

The first Club BBQ takes place on Friday the **1st of May at 8pm** onwards, please let Rob Carvall know numbers in your party so he can ensure we are all catered for on the evening. All the food except drinks are supplied by the Club, if you want to bring your own or have specific dietary requirements please feel free to do so. Rob can be contacted on [events@wfwsc.co.uk](mailto:events@wfwsc.co.uk) or on 07802 497392.

### River Policing

Recently there has been an increase in policing on the Crouch River, largely due to the new patrolling additions to the Marine Unit based at Burnham-on-Crouch.

The Crouch is currently being used as a training facility for new recruits of the Marine Unit, we ask members to please observe your speed/wash in the restricted 8 knot areas and adhere to the local byelaws of the river.

If you are not yet familiar with the byelaws of the Crouch River then please take a look on our website for the CHA Rules by clicking this link  
<http://www.wfwsc.co.uk/RC%20Byelaws.pdf>

## **Maintenance**

Paul Fillary has kindly installed new taps for members to use to wash their boats which comply with Water board regulations. Please could all members note that hosepipes are no longer supplied by the Club so you will have to bring your own along to clean your boat. The taps are such that you will need only the standard (normal garden hose) size hoses pipe and a similar size diameter jubilee clip to hold the pipe onto the taps' nozzle.

The keypad number to get into the clubhouse has now been changed to 2468, apologies for the confusion but we encountered a few technical challenges with the keypad this year.

## **Communications**

Peter Holman has been doing a great job keeping our website up to date and filtering your emails, if you have not browsed through the website yet you can do so here [www.wfwsc.co.uk](http://www.wfwsc.co.uk) . There are a number of useful links on the site, from our Club Rules and Constitution to special offers from Ski and Boating suppliers as well as membership information. We are hoping to add quickly to our Photo Gallery on the website so if you have any pictures you want on the website please email them to Peter, [communications@wfwsc.co.uk](mailto:communications@wfwsc.co.uk).

In addition to email updates we have set up a Bulk Text Messaging service which we will use to remind members of upcoming Club events and possible Club news alerts.

## **The Last Word**

If the weather man is right it looks as though we are set for a good summer this year and if current weather is any measure we may be in luck. I am hoping to see all our members enjoying themselves on the water and also at the Club events this season.

So see you all soon and have safe and enjoyable boating everyone,

Sue Morrell

**Chairperson**

